

DELGADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CHARITY SCHOOL OF NURSING
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

TO: SPRING 2012 NURS 122 STUDENTS

Congratulations and welcome to Nursing of the Adult Client I, NURS 122! In this course, you will be building on foundational knowledge and skills in nursing. The first day of class will be **Monday, January 23, 2012 at 8:00 am** in the gym on the 7th floor. This is a **mandatory attendance day. If you do not attend this orientation, your place in the class will be forfeited!**

The first two weeks of the semester are very busy and we rely on your ability to build on foundational knowledge and skills. It is highly recommended you practice the following skills prior to the first day of class.

1. Medication Administration
2. Vital Signs
3. Sterile Gloving
4. Physical Assessment

The first week in NACI (NURS 122) you will:

1. orient to the course.
2. review how to access the Course Guide on Blackboard.
3. review the course calendar which provides dates of lectures, tests, clinical, and holidays.
4. meet your clinical instructor and group.
5. participate in scheduled workshops.
6. take the Dosage Calculation Examination.

The Dosage Calculation exam will be administered on **Monday, January 23rd**. School policy requires all students to pass the exam with a grade of **90%**. You will have two opportunities to re-take the exam if you do not achieve the 90% on the first administration of the exam. You are encouraged to practice all types of dosage calculation problems. A practice exam is posted on the NACI page of the CSN website for your reference. (Go to www.dcc.edu, click on Charity School of Nursing under locations, click on current students, course information under resources, then Nursing of the Adult Client I).

As soon as it is available, a draft of the spring calendar will also be accessible on the NACI page of the CSN website. It will contain the schedule for the entire semester, including the time for your course orientation session. All classes are scheduled according to section number, so please make sure you attend at the correct time.

REGISTRATION: Registration will be Tuesday, December 20th. Check the registration priority list for the time.

SECTIONS: The section you register for determines your class time and your clinical location/time. For the spring semester, there will be sections that have day class with day clinical and day class with evening clinical.

LECTURE: Class times are according to the section you register in. You will only be able to attend class at the time your section is scheduled, so choose your section carefully.

EXAMS: ALL sections will test on Mondays from 9:00AM-10:15AM for unit exams. The Dosage Calculation exam will be administered on the first Monday of the semester.

CLINICAL: In this course you will have two rotations. Your section will stay together and rotate from your first clinical instructor and area to your second clinical instructor and area around mid-term. Clinical begins the second week of the semester and is two days per week, every week. Clinical may begin as early as 6:15AM for day sections, and 12:30PM for evening sections, depending on the section. Clinical ends 6 hours from the start time. All days, times and locations are subject to change. You will find out your exact schedule when you meet with your instructor during the first week of school.

SECTION CHANGES: To request a section change, please send an email to bpesse@dcc.edu informing of the section you are in and the section you would like to be in. If the request can be accommodated, you will be notified by return email before the first day of class. The best way to secure a change after registration is to find someone to switch with you.

SKILLS PACKETS: You will be required to have a skills packet for skills practice and checkoffs. The packets will be available for purchase from the Delgado City Park Bookstore. You must bring a copy of your schedule to the bookstore and ask for the packet for NURS 122. If you have any problems, ask for Ms. Gill at the bookstore. Please bring the skills packet to the IV workshop which will be held the first week of class.

REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE FIRST WEEK:

Dirksen, S., O'Brien, P., Lewis, S., Heitkemper, M. & Bucher, L. (2011). Medical-surgical nursing: Assessment and management of clinical problems (8th ed.). St. Louis, MO: Elsevier Mosby. Chapters 17, 26, 32, 56

HESI FUNDAMENTALS REMEDIATION: You must complete any required remediation for the HESI Fundamentals Exam by January 5th at noon.

YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TAKE THE DOSAGE CALCULATION EXAM OR CONTINUE IN THE COURSE UNTIL THIS REQUIREMENT IS MET.

LIABILITY INSURANCE, TB SKIN TEST RESULTS AND CPR CARD MUST BE UP TO DATE BY DECEMBER 20th. Your CPR, liability insurance and TB skin test expiration date must last through the end of the semester. If any expires before the end of May, you MUST take another CPR class, TB skin test or renew your insurance prior to December 20. You will also be required to show proof of current medical/health insurance. YOU WILL BE DROPPED FROM YOUR SECTION if these requirements are not met. Submit CPR and Liability insurance information to Academic Affairs in Room 603. Tb results and other health information go to Ms. Hodge in Room 619.

The faculty and I look forward to meeting you and working with you as you continue your journey through the curriculum of Delgado Community College/Charity School of Nursing. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:

1. Lewis, S., Dirksen, S., Heitkemper, M., & Bucher, L. & Camera, I. (2011). *Clinical companion to medical-surgical nursing: Assessment and management of clinical problems* (8th ed.). St. Louis, MO: Elsevier Mosby.
2. Gahart, B.L. & Nazareno, A.R. (2011). *Intravenous medications 2012: A handbook for nurses and health professionals* (28th ed.). St. Louis, MO: Elsevier Mosby.
3. Dirksen, S., O'Brien, P., Lewis, S., Heitkemper, M. & Bucher, L. (2011). *Medical-surgical nursing: Assessment and management of clinical problems* (8th ed.). St. Louis, MO: Elsevier Mosby.
4. Pagana, K.D. & Pagana, T.J. (2010). *Mosby's manual of diagnostic and laboratory tests* (4th ed.). St. Louis, MO: Elsevier Mosby.

B. RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS:

1. Colgrove, K.C. & Callicoatt, J. (2011). *Med-surg success: A course review applying critical thinking to test taking* (2nd ed.). Philadelphia: F.A. Davis.
2. Doenges, M. E., Moorhouse, M.F. & Murr, A.C. (2010). *Nursing care plans: Guidelines for individualizing client care across the lifespan* (8th ed.). Philadelphia: F.A. Davis.
3. Dirksen, S., O'Brien, P., Lewis, S., Heitkemper, M. & Bucher, L. (2011). *Study guide for medical-surgical nursing: Assessment and management of clinical problems* (8th ed.). St. Louis, MO: Elsevier Mosby.
4. Silvestri, L. (2011). *Saunders comprehensive review for NCLEX-RN* (5th ed.). St. Louis, MO: Elsevier Saunders.
5. Haugen, N. & Galura, S. (2011). *Ulrich & Canale's nursing care planning* (7th ed.). St. Louis, MO: Elsevier Saunders.